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AMENDMENT C

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line ¹⁷24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the NiP underlayer, a ratio (at%) of nickel (Ni) and phosphorus (P) constituting the underlayer may be varied depending upon the desired effects and other

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